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The Diary of A Bachelor

He Makes Himself Known to the Strange Woman and Then Falls Very Ill and Likes His Nurse.

By Max

JULY 6.—"Tell me your name, Little Girl," said the woman who had rolled out such expressions as "the fundamental principles of liberty" as naturally as an entirely different type of woman rolls out the words "darling" and "cutie," showing to which class she belonged.

Manette looked at me. I nodded my head. Then, to my surprise, the child told her real name—my name, and the name I was trying to keep secret.

"Blake," I hastily added. "Blake," she repeated after me.

The visitor looked grimly satisfied. Her suspicions were confirmed.

"You are Manette H—, the little heiress. You are not Manette Blake at all, and if you will come with me I will take you to your guardian. If you turn to me, 'interfere,' I will have you arrested."

I laughed. "I hope," I said, putting fresh bait on my hook, and casting it out into the water, "that I will live long enough to see your sex in power. You are so inconsequential, so altogether unimpressive, and so cock-sure that you are right, that we will no longer be forced to turn to the joke books for amusement. The congressional records, in that glorious period, will cause a laugh to ring around the world."

"When the women are in power," she retorted, "ladies like you who go around insulting women will be flogged."

"This was growing interesting. 'I am not idle,' I replied. 'I am fishing. I

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have been fishing for three hours and haven't had a bite. That indicates persistence, steadfastness of purpose and ambition that will not be discouraged. As for being insulting!"

A Bluff Called.

I turned and looked her square in the face. "I don't see," I said slowly, and as it giving it deep thought, "why you should want to insult me. I should have to regard you or your intentions seriously. Believe me, madame, I had not done that."

I drew my line carefully in and packed up my box of fishing tackle. "Come, Manette," I said to the child, "let us go and be arrested. Are you ready?" turning to the very red faced woman who stood beside me.

"If you will walk with us as far as the cottage I will get a horse, or do you prefer to have the child ride with you and have me tied to your horse's tail and dragged as captives were in the olden times?"

I had called her bluff! "I want nothing," in anger, "but to see that child restored to his guardian."

"Then rest easy," I replied, taking off my hat and bowing. "She is with her guardian now."

"If you are Mr. Max," she began, and could say no more, for she realized what a spectacle she had made of herself.

I bowed again and turned away. A moment later she came running after me. "I hope," she stammered, "that you will forgive me, but your looks are increasing."

I cut her short with a bow, and picking Manette up in my arms, turned on to a narrow wooden path, and was soon out of sight.

"She is the kind of woman," I mused, "that thinks that to be a man is prima facie evidence of guilt. And the trouble is her number is increasing."

A New Spot.

July 16.—Manette and I have found a new picnic spot, and for several days we have enjoyed the interlopers, but on the fourth day I found her sitting on the porch when we got home. She had come, she said, to borrow Manette to take part in a tableau to be given for the cause.

"She would make," she said, "such a pretty little Goddess of Liberty. Believe me, she is a beauty. The change would do her good. She needs a little civilization."

"That made me smile. 'Civilization,' of the brand found at Summer resorts, consists in sitting around on hotel verandas, comparing surgical operations and crocheting patterns and branding as 'bold' and 'scheming' the woman who receives the attention of the only man at the place. I refused. 'The child,' I explained, 'is dearer to me than the room. I don't know where, for I can't leave her. I know that mothers let their children do it, but I am not a mother. I am only a man.'

"And the rule that ever lived," she retorted, striding out to get on her horse.

I did not offer to assist her. I never have. It would be inconsistent for her to accept.

July 28.—I am writing this while lying in bed, and somewhere in the room, I don't know where, for I can't easily turn my head to see, there is a trained nurse.

I do not know how she got here nor when. All I know is that her attentions are very grateful to me, and that there have been days when I seemed to be slipping away from every one into nowhere, and only the firm, cool touch of her hand held me.

I think I was conscious of her hand and its helpfulness and soothing magic, and am not interested. I lie for hours with my eyes closed, asking nothing more in life than that a pair of very

strong hands, white and soft and gentle, be there to turn my head when the pain of one position is too great, to smooth my pillow, and one day I dimly recall in my agony that they softly stroked my head, and I heard a voice somewhere murmur, "Poor boy, poor boy."

PORT HUACHUCA TO HAVE A PAVILION

Place for Athletics Pool, Billiards and a Reading Room To Be Built for the Soldiers.

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 7.—Port Huachuca is to have an amusement pavilion, probably the first ever arranged strictly for the soldiers. Capt. Houlihan, chaplain of the fifth, was in the city arranging for the erection of the buildings, which will include bowling alley, pool and billiard tables and reading and smoking rooms. The project is backed by the chaplain, who is devoting much of his time to it.

Work on the three sets of double officers' quarters at the post is about completed and the building of the foundation for the large commissary building has been begun. There are now five troops at the fort, all being engaged in various military practices at the range located in Garden canyon.

Dr. Hunt, for a number of years city physician, has resigned his position to devote all his time to private practice, and Dr. Ralph Herendeen has been appointed to fill the position.

Agitation for the repeal of the ordinance which forbids gatherings on the streets is being continued by the Warren District Trades assembly. The latest move is the presentation to the council of a petition, signed by hundreds, asking that the ordinance be repealed or that at least some place where open meetings can be held be provided. The matter was again taken up and will not come up again for at least a month.

The July freight business of the Southern shows an increase of 14.26 percent over the corresponding month of last year. A large part of this is in outgoing freight, showing that Bisbee is rapidly becoming the principal supply market of the rapidly settling up Sulphur Springs and San Pedro valleys.

The city has decided to employ a firm of attorneys at Phoenix to defend the suit brought by C. Forman for \$17,700 for alleged negligence of the city whereby he was thrown from a horse and sustained injuries. The suit has been brought in the United States district court and it is considered too expensive to have the city attorney usually making trips to Phoenix.

The old city jail will be rented as a store room by the city. A number of bids have already been received, but none have yet been accepted.

"WILSONADE" ROUTS BRYAN GRAPE JUICE

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—"Wilsonade," the new capital drink, made of orange and plain water, has completely routed Bryan grape juice out of Washington.

President Wilson is sponsor for the new drink, and it is prepared especially for him in the white house kitchen each morning. A dash of powdered sugar may be added if it is desired.

Railroad News Of the Southwest

The Herald will welcome contributions or corrections of any errors in this column. Sign name to all communications, and it will not be published.

F. E. Woods, Southwestern switchman, has resigned.

The G. H. & S. A. dispatcher's office is being improved and enlarged.

W. C. Cheneau, G. H. & S. A. switchman, is laying off for a few days.

E. R. Maxwell, G. H. & S. A. switchman, is laying off for a few days.

H. Andrews, G. H. & S. A. day engine foreman, is laying off for a few days.

Engine 2014 has been placed in the A. T. & S. F. shops for repairs.

H. Carroll, G. H. & S. A. engineer, has reported for duty.

J. Gould, G. H. & S. A. fireman, has reported for duty, and was placed on the El Paso extra list.

W. C. Boyle, fireman for the G. H. & S. A., has been assigned to the night house engine regularly.

The Southern Pacific engineer's extra board consisted of two engineers yesterday afternoon.

T. J. Johnson, Santa Fe switchman, has reported for duty and was placed on the El Paso extra list.

J. J. McArthur, switchman for the G. H. & S. A., at El Paso, has been transferred to Valentine for a short while.

R. Biggers, regular fireman for the G. H. & S. A., is laying off for a few days.

R. R. Johnson, Southern Pacific extra engine, is making a road trip on engine 2558.

J. Fehly, Southern Pacific engineer, is back on the El Paso extra list, after having made a trip on engine 2818.

Several of the G. H. & S. A. company insurance agents are in the city at present.

W. Adair, engine foreman at El Paso for the Southwestern, has reported for duty, displacing switchman Sharkey.

J. Gould, extra fireman for the G. H. & S. A., at El Paso, is laying off for a few days.

O. C. Tarkington, regular switchman for the G. H. & S. A., at El Paso, has left the company's employ.

R. M. Lusk, extra engineer for the S. P., at El Paso, is making a road trip on engine 2784.

J. E. Schofield, boiler inspector, arrived on No. 9 from a visit to Del Rio, Eagle Pass and San Antonio.

Horace M. Cross, extra fireman for the Southern Pacific at El Paso, is laying off on account of sickness.

W. Barksdale, fireman for the G. H. & S. A., is making a through road trip on engine 752, with regular engineer M. N. Geddes.

The G. H. & S. A. engine extra board at El Paso had three engineers and five firemen at 12 o'clock noon, yesterday.

George Toms, G. H. & S. A. engineer, died on the El Paso No. 9 yesterday morning from pneumonia, and was placed on the El Paso extra list.

Thomas Scott, traveling freight agent for the M. & T. railway, has his headquarters at Fort Worth, Texas, in the city.

The G. H. & S. A. railway company is constructing a new 250 pipe boiler at the El Paso power house. It will be modern in every detail.

John H. Dyer, superintendent of the Tucson division, is in the city, after yesterday afternoon on the Californian, in his private car "Tucson."

Ed Schorn, S. P. & Pacific day yardmaster, is laying off for a few days, and night yardmaster W. M. Hitt is filling his vacancy.

W. C. Peterson, master mechanic for S. P., with headquarters at Tucson, is visiting the company officials at El Paso.

H. A. Dooley, regular through freight conductor for the S. P., for three days lay off, and an extra man is filling his vacancy.

W. C. Honrick, Southern Pacific fireman, is back on the El Paso extra board after having made a road trip on engine 2818.

Pete Kield, extra engineer for the G. H. & S. A., is making a road trip on engine 755. Extra fireman J. Gould is filling his vacancy.

G. A. Thumm, a regular passenger engineer for the S. P. out of El Paso, is taking a 30-day vacation, and will spend his vacation at Cloudcroft.

King Horton, E. P. & S. W. handy man, is making a road trip on engine 20 for 30 days, and will spend his vacation at San Antonio and vicinity.

Ed Adams, S. P. extra engineer of the El Paso district, is making a road trip on engine 2712. Extra fireman F. W. Hoffman is filling his vacancy.

L. B. Wooten, regular switchman for the Texas & Pacific at El Paso, is laying off for a few days, and switchman Turner is filling the vacancy.

Ed Adams, S. P. extra engineer, is being borrowed for a few days by the yard service. He is working on the engine with the S. P. & Pacific.

Willie Adair, Southern Pacific engine foreman in the El Paso yards, is laying off for a few days, and Willie Stewart is filling the vacancy.

J. Horton, G. H. & S. A. engineer, departed on No. 9 for San Antonio yesterday from San Antonio, and will work on the El Paso district of the road.

W. C. Honrick, S. P. fireman, is taking a 30-day vacation, and will spend his vacation at Cloudcroft.

W. D. White, A. T. & S. F. fireman at El Paso, is laying off for a few days, and an extra man is filling the vacancy.

J. Arnold, fireman for the G. H. & S. A., at El Paso, returned yesterday in dead head service on No. 9, from Valentine. He was placed on the El Paso board.

Horace M. Cross, fireman for the Southern Pacific, has reported for duty and was placed on engine 2558 for a few days.

W. C. Honrick, S. P. fireman, is taking a 30-day vacation, and will spend his vacation at Cloudcroft.

R. Trimble, regular through freight fireman for the S. P. at El Paso, is laying off for a few days, and Willie Stewart is filling his vacancy.

General passenger agent F. E. Batters, of the Sunset Central lines, with headquarters at Los Angeles, is making a few days business visit in El Paso.

E. W. Clapp, assistant general freight and passenger agent for the Tucson division of the S. P., with headquarters at Tucson, is in the city for a few days.

Harry B. Hardie, a representative of the extension department of the Pennsylvania, which head-quarters is in Denver, Colorado, is in the city for a few days on business.

R. E. Maxwell, engine foreman for the A. T. & S. F., at El Paso, has reported for duty, after a short layoff, displacing switchman Willie Stewart who goes back on the crew.

J. F. Quadrone, S. P. extra fireman, is making a road trip on the Rio Grande district, being borrowed by the Southern Pacific for a few days.

Robert M. Hoover, superintendent of the El Paso district of the railway, is taking a 10-day vacation, and left this morning accompanied by his family.

J. Fehly, extra engineer for the S. P. at El Paso, is making a road trip on engine 2814. Extra fireman W. C. Honrick is filling his vacancy.

W. C. Norton, E. P. & S. W. switchman, has reported for duty, displacing Claude Tillman, who goes back on the El Paso board.

E. Langston, regular helper on the G. H. & S. A., day lead engine, is laying off for a few days, and extra switchman J. A. Bozarth is filling his vacancy.

I. W. Sampson, E. P. & S. W. eastern division fireman, has been regularly assigned to the day 7 o'clock engine in the El Paso yards, with engineer "Grannie" Davis.

C. R. Morell, assistant superintendent for Sunset Central lines, with headquarters at El Paso, left yesterday morning for Houston, where he will attend a special meeting of the officials of the road.

Gill, engineer for the Southern Pacific, has reported for duty and was placed on regular passenger engineer G. A. Thumm's run, on Nos. 1 and 10,

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